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EDITORIAL

THE ANTI-DIVERSION BILL

The Times Virginian knows of no group or of any movement in Virginia seeking or planning to seek a diversion of highway funds. No bill for a diversion is before the General Assembly. Nobody has asked for any such bill. Nobody contemplates asking for any such bill.

Why then, in the name of common sense, all the agitation to turn the Constitution of Virginia into a sode, by seeking a constitutional amendment saying that no highway funds be diverted?

There would be as much sense in demanding a constitutional amendment forbidding Virginia from ceding Appomattox county to Alaska! It just isn't an issue.

We readily grant that the time to lock the stable is before, not after, the horse is stolen. But if we are embark upo. a policy of constitutional amendments to forbid any and everything that might happen out yonder in the future, we will desecrate a true conception of what is meant by the word "Constitution."

The Times Virginian is opposed to diverting highway funds.

We are also as strongly opposed to the Weaver Bill.

The way to keep highway funds from being diverted is simple: whenever a bill is introduced in the legislature, to vote it down! It's just as simple as that. There is no need for a constitutional amendment.

We trust that the Weaver Bill will be defeated.

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TARHEELIA'S GOLDEN RULE CANDIDATE

Of the six candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina to date (it may be seven, or eight soon) five, being estimable politicians of no great color or personality, made their announcements solemnly and a little loudly. Their platforms, though numerous and no doubt sound (at least in part), read precisely like the general run of platforms, which is to say, they did not sweep the state off its feet.

But the sixth of the candidates, who is Thomas E. Cooper, Mayor of Wilmington, is a bird of a different plumage. "I have surveyed the field of announced candidates and do not find one that I feel represents the great masses of people," he said, "and I therefore announce my candidacy." As for a platform, he is ready with that:

"I could take a lob of time and give you a lot of superfluous, supercilious words, but I shall use only a few words I learned at my mother's knee — the Golden Rule, Luke 6:31, 'As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.'"

How the other five are taking this announcement is not now clear, but in their places we should shiver. For the Mayor of Wilmington sounds like hot stuff, and the further he goes the hotter he sounds. Besides being for the Golden Rule, he favors abolishing the State's three per cent sales tax at the rate of one-half of one per cent every two years. He is for reducing all automobile licenses to $5. He is for meeting all his opponents in joint debate. And he is for letting the high man in the first primary be the winner without a run-off.

In every detail it is a tried and proved platform, the choice of the people in innumerable elections the country over. But most of all in its insistence on the Golden Rule. A colorful candidate riding on that platform is the very devil to beat. Look out for fireworks to the south, most of them set off by Mayor Tom.

—From Virginian-Pilot.

Editor, Times Virginian,
Appomattox, Va.

Dear Sir:
Please publish the following statement:

"The twenty-five thousand retail merchants of Virginia do not enjoy any special privileges under the law, they pay millions of dollars each year in taxes and they employ thousands of people whose livelihood is dependent upon the merchant's success," said President Charles W. Holt and Mr. W.T. Wade, Jr., of the Retail Merchants Association of Virginia, Incorporated, in a joint statement issued today.

"The so-called Co-operative Marketing Associations are doing $22,000,000.00 of business per annum in this State. To a large extent they are in direct competition with manufacturers, wholesale and retail merchants in many parts of Virginia. Yet the Co-ops enjoy tax exemptions under the Virginia statute which those with whom they are in competition do not have. This gives the Co-ops a manifestly unfair advantage. The Co-ops receive the same benefits from government as all other businesses. It is claimed that they consist only of groups of farmers entitled to special consideration. An investigation of the corporate structure of many of them will show that they are thriving business corporations rapidly developing into the class of business giants. One such Co-op corporation in this State does a business of approximately $13,000,000 per annum," they added.

Their statement was the result of efforts of the so-called Co-operative Marketing Associations in this State to retain the tax exemptions which they now enjoy under the Virginia law and which the merchants have characterize as "unfair competition."

They explained that under the present law co-operatives pay no State or local income taxes, except $10.00 per annum to the State, no income taxes, to taxes on capital or reserve funds, and they also enjoy other tax exemptions including ex, exemption from all federal income taxes. They pointed out that merchants of this State pay all of these taxes and yet the many localities are compelled to compete with Co-ops who are doing a general wholesale and retail business. One Co-op was held by the Supreme Court of Virginia to be selling at retail articles such as cosmetics, patent medicines, kitchenware and many other similar commodities / which have no relationship whatever to the production of agricultural products.

"The Co-ops have introduced a bill in the Senate of Virginia which does nothing more than create a camouflage. It will give them the right to sell almost everything and they will have practically the same tax exemptions they now enjoy. This bill is Senate Bill No. 98 and the tax-paying merchants of Virginia are unalterably opposed to it," said Messers. Holt and Wade.

Messers Holt and Wade stated that the merchants did not object to tax exemptions for co-operative associations which engage solely in the marketing of farm and dairy products, but they added, "The merchants of Virginia do protest bitterly against the tax exemptions granted to co-operatives who engage in the sale at wholesale and retail of general merchandise in competition with other merchants who are required to pay taxes. It is manifestly unfair to the merchants and to the general public that such co-operatives should have any tax exemption.

They further stated that some of these Co-ops not only had gone far beyond the original intent of the law but have become vast corporate institutions whose preferred stock can be purchased by anyone whether or not he is a farmer. These Co-ops admit that their preferred stock has never missed paying a six per cent dividend and yet they claim to be non-profit.

—Retail Merchants Association of Virginia.

Play safe: drive carefully.

YESTERYEARS
Do You Remember?

ONE YEAR AGO

(Items from Times Virginian files)

Miss Katherine McCormick and Wesley Carter married.

Miss Jessie Fitzgerald spending the week in South Carolina.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Steele, Jr., of Richmond, a son.

H. Y. Spencer in hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. LeRoy Smith and family in Florida.

Dr. D. A. Christian ill.

TWO YEARS AGO

Mr. Roscoe Orgiesby spoke at the Garden Club meeting.

Lt. Jack H. James succeeds Capt. R. W. Phillips as commanding officer at Appomattox CCC Camp.

Mrs. Annie Kate Fletcher, 75, died.

Mrs. Ola Patteson returns from the hospital.

Jennings L. O'Brien dies suddenly.

THREE YEARS AGO

Miss Nina Jones has returned from the hospital.

G. M. Deane has the mumps.

J. S. Plunkett, 77, died.

Charlie L. Stratton, 32, died.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Harvey, a baby girl.

Local attorneys oppose the President's court plan.

Don Moses accepts position with Farmers National Bank.

R. L. Burks chairman of road league for Appomattox county.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson, attending Baptist convention in Bristol.

Tenth anniversary of pastorate of Rev. W. M. Thompson at Liberty Baptist church.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Census takers busy in Appomattox and Buckingham counties.

Rivers and streams up high after wet spell. Tom Rosen loses 2 horses in trying to ford Appomattox river.

Six deaths of pneumonia reported. Influenza raging in county.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Taylor in New York.

J. R. Hughes, 68, died.

Hillery R. Hornsby died.

Tommie Joe Cawthorn leaves for Roanoke.

FARM BRIEFS

Under the grant of soil program of the AAA, farmers in 1939 received more than 660,000 tons of lime for soil improvement, more than 19 times the amount they received under this program in 1938.

Through a change in rates of credit for AAA soil-building practices in the 1940 program, many farmers will carry out conservation practices they do not ordinarily use, such as tree planting and lime application.

Cotton growers voted more than 9 to 1, to use marketing quotas for handling their 1940 crop.

In 1939 there were 5 bushels of wheat available for every 4 bushels needed in the world.

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Individual Farm Plans For 1940

An individual soil conservation Farm Plan for each farm in Virginia has been, or soon will be, turned over to and discussed with farmers by representatives of local county Agricultural Conservation associations, according to an announcement from the State AAA office at Blacksburg.

The plan, say AAA officials, points out to each farm operator the payments he may earn if he participates in the 1940 conservation program and plants within the acreage allotments of soil-depleting crops established for his farm this year. Every farmer is invited to discuss his individual plan in detail with county or community AAA committeemen.

The Farm Plan also recommends especially needed soil building practices on each individual farm and shows how, by carrying out these practices, the farmer may meet his soil-building goal and earn maximum soil-building payments. Also explained are the rates of deduction from payments when the acreage allotments are exceeded, and when the soil-building goal is not met.

In discussions between farmers and representatives of the county associations concerning the plan consideration is given to individual farm needs and problems. Special interests, desires, and opportunities of the farmer are given attention, say AAA officials. Of particular usefulness to farmers in the full and complete story the plan gives of the opportunities available to individuals through approved AAA practices for a sound soil-building program.

The Farm Plan is an excellent instrument for clearing up misunderstandings and misinformation on the part of farmers regarding the purposes and provisions of soil conservation practices. The program directed toward the general attainment of carefully chosen county soil building goals in line with the V. P. I. extension, and experiment station recommendations and those of the county board of agriculture, say the AAA officials.

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NOTES FOR VEGETABLE GROWERS

SOILS: Every soil is fertile to some plant but no soil is fertile to all plants. A soil may be adapted to the growing of corn, spinach or pine. You can change a soil so that it will become adapted to a particular plant. Much time will be saved, however, by choosing a soil suitable for the desired crop and then improving this soil.

LIME: Do you enjoy being called upon to make a speech on the spur of the moment? Are you at a complete loss for words when this occurs? Then why expect lime to correct a poor, sour soil when applied the day before planting. Lime is usually applied by the vegetable grower to improve the growing conditions for a particular crop as well as for succeeding crops. It acts fairly slowly and should be applied sufficiently ahead of seeding to bring about the desired results.

TURNING RYE: When should rye be turned for the best results? Ask a dozen growers and a like number of answers will be received, differing radically. Weather might be a determining factor. The crop should be plowed under before the soil becomes too dry. To wait until the soil is too dry may result in a failure of the succeeding crop due to insufficient moisture. Rain may not come in time. In seasons of ample rain the crop may be left until a heavy growth is secured. In turning under a heavy growth of rye or other green manure crops it is best to apply around 150 pounds of a nitrogenous fertilizer to aid in decomposition. Ordinarily a crop should not be planted until two or three weeks after turning the cover crop.

FERTILIZER: Do you have a copy of the latest recommendations on fertilizer of truck crops in Virginia? This may be had for the asking. Write to the Vegetable Extension Service, Blacksburg, Virginia, or to the Virginia Truck Experiment Station, Norfolk, Virginia, for a copy.

FERTILIZER PLACEMENT: Do you remember the old family reunions which you attended as a youngster, —those where all the olders were fed first and you were lucky to get to the third or fourth table? Do you remember how delectable the food appeared from a distance? Anticipation was often greater than realization. The same principle applies to the fertilization of your crops. Unless you put the fertilizer where the crops can get it, they may starve in sight of the promised land. You will be interested in a leaflet on this matter which you may obtain from the sources mentioned above.

PRUNING PLANTS: Do you believe that cutting back plants at the time of transplanting will produce bigger and better crops? The evidence is all against you. All experiments show that uncut plants are better than those which have been cut back previous to transplanting. Even in a dry season this remains true. Cutting back the roots is likewise questionable although slight root pruning in a few instances may be justified as increasing the ease of transplanting.

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Finnish Relief Week In Virginia

REPORT IS MADE ON FINNISH RELEIF

Richmond, Va., Feb. 7.- John M. Miller, Jr., of Richmond, chairman for Virginia of the Finnish relief, has forwarded to national headquarters approximately $4,000 contributed by Virginians toward this cause, G. Jeter Jones, treasurer of the fund here, announced today.

The next two weeks will see the climax of the fund effort, Mr. Jones stated today.

Special appeals to approximately 2,000 outstanding Virginians were mailed this week by Mr. Miller, announcing Finnish Relief Week, to begin February 15 and to be climaxed on February 17 and 18 by a special effort on behalf of Finnish sufferers by the motion picture owners of the state. This group recently heard an appeal by Mr. Miller and voted to join in the national efforts at that time, when theatre goers will be asked to aid.

Scores of newspapers and banks throughout Virginia are acting as depositories for funds contributed by the public, and Mr. Miller believes that Virginia's contribution to the Finnish relief as far from the eventual total. He said today that if Virginia did her share in proportion to what most of the other states are doing, the Virginia total would approach the $50,000 mark.

Every cent contributed goes to Finnish relief. No overhead charges whatever, either in Virginia or nationally, are chergeable to the fund, which is virtually 100 per cent voluntary effort, and otherwise is privately financed.

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Report Made On Bangle Sale In Appomattox

Miss Virginia Christian, chairman for Appomattox county of the T. B. Bangle sales, has made her report, showing that previous records were exceeded. Her report follows:

Woodland school (19 enrollment) .45c.
Spout Spring school (79 enrollment) .45c
Liberty Chapel school (35 enrollment) 60c.
Evergreen school (66 enrollment) .50c.
Stonewall school (61 enrollment) 1.75.
Pettys Fork school (29 enrollment) .50.
Oakville school (90 enrollment) .50c.
Vera school (75 enrollment) .31.
Pamplin high school (243 enrollment) 7.59
Appomattox high school (803 enrollment) 12.91

Included in the receipts from Bangle Day, the total for bangle sales in week.

Appomattox county for the year was $35.90.

Appomattox is a growing town!

CLASS HONOR ROLL

The honor roll for the Junior Love Bible Class of the Spout Spring Baptist church for the month of January follows: Lois Hawley and Eugene Martin. Miss Hazel Moon is teacher of the class.

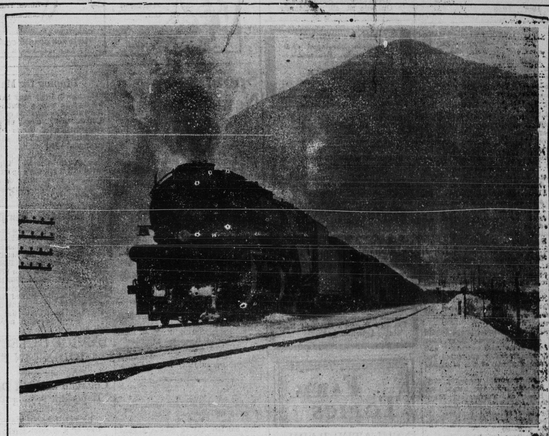
Few American-made planes are arriving in England.

Buckingham Gets Farm Checks

Buckingham county farmers will receive $31,388 for participation in the 1939 agricultural conservation program. Nearly $35,000 of the amount has already been distributed.

Plans for the 1940 program must be filed early by April 1 in accordance to R. E. Ellis, Buckingham county agent.

Appomattox farmers are receiving 1939 soil conservation checks this week.



When Winter Comes

Sub-zero temperatures . . . icy winds . . . snow and sleet . . . dark, murky skies. For days during the latter part of January vast areas of the country, particularly the South, experienced one of the worst blizzards in years.

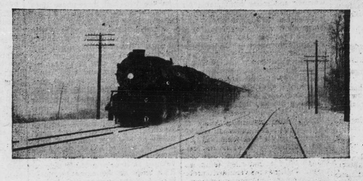
In those frigid zones, transportation by highway was paralyzed. Busses and trucks came to a standstill in mountainous drifts on snow-blocked, icy highways. Private automobiles were abandoned. Planes were grounded. Rivers were choked with ice.

But no matter what came out of the wintry skies, thousands had to be fed and kept warm; factories had to run; raw materials had to be moved; people had to travel. In short, the life and commerce of the blizzard areas had to flow on. And it did.

For there was one—and only one—transportation agency that could and did meet the emergency—the railroads. The trains went through. Every hour of every day and in the dead of night, through storms and bitter cold, across mountains and plains, through valleys, trains moved safely and efficiently thousands of cars of food, fuel and other vital supplies; and tens of thousands of snowbound travelers.

Throughout the entire period of extreme winter, every train of the Norfolk and Western Railway went through. Not one passenger train, not one freight train was canceled.

Thus, the railroads have again demonstrated their dependability, their adequacy and their ability to meet efficiently any transportation emergency. So, when shaping your policy on transportation matters, remember that the railroads serve you 365 days of the year; they are not merely "fair-weather" friends. You can always count on them.



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